

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:151

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CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR OLDER PERSONS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of the constitution of the National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) under the National Policy on Older Persons and the details of the recommendations made by the Council during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the recommendations accepted and rejected by the Government separately;
- (c) the details of proposals received from various Non-Governmental Organizations/Voluntary Organisations under the various schemes implemented for older persons during 2006-07, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated and released to them during the said period, NGO/O-wise and scheme-wise;
- (e) the details of utilization of funds allocated under the scheme during 2005-06, NGO/O-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (f) The details of the old age homes and day care centres set up during 2006-07, State/Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 151 for answer on 8.3.2007 regarding Constitution of National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) by Shri Subrata Bose

(a & b):The National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) was constituted on 10th May 1999. The term of the National Council for Older Persons, unless dissolved earlier, is five years from the date of its constitution. On expiry of its term of five years, the National Council was reconstituted on 1st August 2005. It presently consists of 41 Members.

During the last three years, the National Council for Older Persons discussed the proposed legislation for maintenance and welfare of the parents and senior citizens and made recommendations viz. no lawyers would be allowed to appear in cases under the proposed legislation, the district collector should be the Appellate Authority; and that the Tribunal should be empowered to take suo- moto cognizance of the grievances of the parents. These recommendations of the Council have been accepted. The Council also recommended for a health insurance scheme for the older persons, keeping in view of their specific needs. This recommendation was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance.

(c & d): The details of proposals received from various Non-Governmental Organizations/ Voluntary Organizations under the various schemes implemented for older persons during 2006-07, State/Union territory-wise is at Annexure-I.
The proposals received with recommendation from the State Governments /UT Administrations are placed before the Screening Committee and the recommended cases are at different stages of processing.

(e): List containing details of funds released to the NGOs during the year 2005-06 NGO-wise & State-wise is at Annexure-II.

(f): In all, 15 new Old Age Homes have been set up during 2006-07. A list containing State/UT-wise details is placed at Annexure-III.